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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

AT RICHMOND, SEPTEMBER 20, 1999

APPLICATION OF

GTE SOUTH INCORPORATED

CASE NO. PUC990132

To implement Extended Local
Service from its Richlands
exchange to Bell Atlantic-Virginia,
Inc.'s Davenport exchange

ORDER PRESCRIBING NOTICE

On August 3, 1999, GTE South Incorporated ("GTE" or "the Company") filed an application with the State Corporation Commission ("Commission") pursuant to the provisions of § 56-484.2 of the Code of Virginia. GTE proposes to notify its Richlands exchange customers of the increases in monthly rates that would be necessary to expand their local service to include Bell Atlantic-Virginia, Inc.'s ("BA-VA") Davenport exchange. The application states that telephone customers in the Davenport exchange had earlier petitioned the Commission for local calling to Richlands. Using a cost study prepared by BA-VA, the Commission determined the increase in monthly rates that would result from the expansion of the Davenport local service area to include Richlands. Customers in the Davenport exchange were polled regarding their willingness to pay higher rates for local

calling to Richlands. The majority of those responding supported the proposal.

Cost studies have been conducted by GTE to determine the monthly rates for extended local service from Richlands to the Davenport exchange. Because the resulting increase does not exceed five percent of the existing monthly one-party residential flat rate for Richlands customers, a poll is not required by § 56-484.2 of the Code of Virginia.

NOW, having considered GTE's application, GTE's proposed notice, and applicable law, the Commission is of the opinion that this matter should be docketed; that GTE should give notice to its customers in the Richlands exchange of this application; and that those customers should be permitted to file comments and requests for hearing. Accordingly,

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

(1) This matter is docketed and assigned Case No. PUC990132.

(2) On or before November 15, 1999, GTE customers who may be affected by this proposal may file with the Clerk of the Commission written comments or requests for hearing about this application. Any corporation shall be represented by counsel in accordance with Rule 4:8 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure and shall file an original and fifteen (15) copies of any comment or request for hearing on or before that deadline. Individuals may file single copies. All comments or

requests for hearing shall be filed with Joel H. Peck, Clerk, State Corporation Commission, c/o Document Control Center, P.O. Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia 23218, and shall refer to Case No. PUC990132.

(3) A copy of this Order and the application shall be made available for public inspection at the Commission's Document Control Center located on the first floor of the Tyler Building, 1300 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219, from 8:15 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Upon customer request, a copy of GTE's application also shall be furnished by GTE's customer service center.

(4) On or before October 15, 1999, GTE shall publish the following notice in the Richlands exchange twice as display advertising (not classified advertising) in newspapers of general circulation in that exchange.

NOTICE THAT GTE SOUTH INCORPORATED PROPOSES
TO EXPAND THE LOCAL SERVICE AREA OF THE
RICHLANDS EXCHANGE TO INCLUDE THE DAVENPORT
EXCHANGE OF BELL ATLANTIC-VIRGINIA, INC.
CASE NO. PUC990132

Telephone customers in Bell Atlantic-Virginia, Inc.'s ("BA-VA") Davenport exchange petitioned the Virginia State Corporation Commission ("Commission") for local calling to GTE South Incorporated's ("GTE") Richlands exchange (telephone numbers beginning with 540-596, 963, 964). Customers in the Davenport exchange were polled regarding their willingness to pay an increase in monthly rates for local calling to the Richlands exchange. The majority of

those customers responding in the Davenport exchange supported this expansion of local service.

Based on GTE's cost, the Commission determined the monthly rates for expanded local service for Richlands customers to call the Davenport exchange (telephone numbers beginning with 540-859). For expanded local calling to Davenport from Richlands, monthly rates would increase as follows: flat rate residential service, \$0.06; Virginia Universal Service Plan, \$0.06; residential measured exchange only service, \$0.05; residential measured economy service, \$0.04; flat rate business service, \$0.15; business key line service, \$0.15; business flat rate trunk service, \$0.33; and business measured service: single line service, \$0.10; key line service, \$0.10; trunk service, \$0.10; and customer-owned coin, \$0.07.

Customers whose rates are not listed above or who desire more information on this proposed change should contact Chris Stiltner, GTE South's local manager for the Richlands service area, at (540) 935-7965. Copies of GTE's application may be obtained by contacting the Company's customer service center at the telephone number listed above, or reviewed at the Commission's Document Control Center located on the first floor of the Tyler Building, 1300 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219.

Customers wishing to comment on the proposed change to their local calling area or to request a hearing on the application may do so by filing such requests or comments in writing, referring to Case No. PUC990132, with the Clerk of the Commission, Joel H. Peck, c/o Document Control Center, P.O. Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia 23218, on or before November 15, 1999.

The Commission shall convene a hearing on the proposed extension of the local calling area if at least the lesser of five percent or 150 of the customers within the Richlands exchange request a hearing; otherwise, the Commission may consider the application without convening a hearing.

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(5) On or before November 15, 1999, GTE shall provide proof of the notice required above.

(6) The Commission shall convene a hearing on the proposed extension of the local calling area if at least the lesser of five percent or 150 of the customers within the Richlands exchange request a hearing; otherwise, the Commission may consider the application without convening a hearing.

(7) On or before November 30, 1999, the Division of Communications shall file a report with the Commission on the comments received.